

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Marriott Richmond-West
Richmond, Virginia
January 25, 2007 at 10:00 am**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Randy Abernathy – Chair	U.S Park Police	Paul Shape	Susan Smith
Paul Davenport	AeroMedical Transport Specialists	Russ Stamm	Brad Fields
John Bianco	Air Trek	Jodi Kuhn	Stacey O’Quinn
Christopher Cannon		Christy Saldana	Vincent Jones
Robert Knox			Darryl Lazar
Bret Henyon			Maggie McCauley
Robin Davis			Karen Wagner
Jay Cullen			Greg Jones
John Ratliff			Randy Geldreich
Don Childs			Justin Myers
Chris Stevenson			Terry Austin
Allen C. Wolfe, Jr.			Peter Martin
			Nick Saunders
			Chris Thomson
			Linda Sayles
			Jethro Piland
			Brian Soluda
			Brett Dodd
			Susan Strasser
			Joseph Lopreto
			Michael Ortega

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Call to order:	Meeting was called to order by Mr. Abernathy at 10:00 a.m.	
Introductions of first time guests:	Attendees introduced themselves around room. (roster above)	
Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2006 Meeting:	A motion to accept the minutes by Terry Austin and seconded by Bob Knox	Minutes were approved unanimously as proposed.

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Presentation by Paul Davenport	Mr. Davenport distributed a CD that contained several agencies Post Accident Incident Plans (PAIP). Discussion was held on the value of sharing these plans as a means to share resources, learn from those who have needed to use the plan and meet the regulatory requirement to have the plan.	
Chair Report:	No report.	
OEMS Updates:	<p>Trauma Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of March 1, EMS for Children will be a part of the OEMS. EMSC is being transitioned from VCU. Two new bills were introduced to the legislature that relates to OEMS' Trauma/Critical Care division HB2211 and HB2161 are mostly clean up language for the Trauma Registry and PPCR. In response to the committee's comments that data is needed to support policy decisions, OEMS will be reviewing air medical PPCR data submission compliance and quality. Issues that are discovered will be past on to the individual agencies. Christy Saldana is the OEMS contact for PPCR. OEMS has received the Attorney Generals (AG) suggestions for the proposed Medevac Regulations. Generally, the AG advised areas that were duplicated from already existing regulations i.e. areas of the application process, and were of federal prevue. OEMS has developed a position paper on the use of air medical crews on grounds EMS units. The document was requested of OEMS after some recent incidents and is available on the OEMS Medevac web page. <p>Statistician</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on 2007 Trends document. Email any proposed topics that you would like to see in the document. January 1 to December 31, 2006 data will be used. 	OEMS will contact individual agencies with issues of compliance or data quality with PPDR submissions PRN.
EMS Advisory Board Chair comments	Ms. Wagner attended the meeting and provided a brief report on the current efforts of where the office of OEMS most appropriately belongs in state government. A retreat was held on January 5, 2007 and the minutes can be found on the OEMS web site. The Finance, Legislation, and Planning committee will be further exploring this topic and making a presentation to the EMS Advisory Board at the May 18, 2007 regular meeting.	
Best Practices:	<p>Robin Davis announced he would be stepping down as chair of the Best Practices. The Chair opened a discussion on the future development of Best Practices (BP) and the low participation in developing BPs. The Chair proposed and by consensus the committee agreed, that the individuals that were identified as the points of contact for each agency would choose a topic or topics that they or someone at their agency would have a particular interest or expertise in and they would develop a best practice for that topic(s). The agency contact would provide an updated draft monthly and then bring a final draft for review at the quarterly meetings. OEMS offered to provide teleconference connections as needed.</p> <p>There was further discussion that the committee needs to take ownership of needs of the system and that having the state or legislature assume that role should not be the step required to accomplish issues such as best practices development.</p>	<p>OEMS to distribute a list of best practices and timeline for drafts.</p> <p>Agency lead persons to accept best practice, submit monthly draft and present at the next quarterly meeting (April 26)</p>
Agency Reports:	Carilion Patient Transport Services; Carilion is transition to the "Mayo Clinic Model". The hospital will be adding a medical school to its services. With the new roof top pad staff are being re-educated and issues are	

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	<p>being corrected as they are identified, e.g. addition of a phone. Feedback on any issues that are discovered are appreciated. A plan to replace current aircraft and being fitted with NVG's is in place.</p> <p>Fairfax County; one ship has returned from being upgraded and they are very pleased with the enhancements. Discussing a proposal to perform joint operations with the county fire dept., but there is also discussion between the fire dept. and a private vendor. Robin announced that he is considering stepping down from the aviation unit due to the command structure process and increased ability for advancement.</p> <p>LifeEvac; Rob Hamilton was promoted to a regional level and there is a new director filling his position. A reminder to be sure to inform VCU when inbound with patients as they helipad is very busy and there is also nearby cranes from the patient care tower construction.</p> <p>Med Flight I; will be partnering with Colonial Heights Fire and rotating some of their paramedics through MF I</p> <p>VSP Med Flight II; the Bristol helipad is closed except with prior notification due to the new emergency department being constructed where the current pad is located.</p> <p>VSP Med Flight III; communications tech are talking a NAACS course.</p> <p>Nightingale; will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on February 4th and further information will be posted on the web. Norfolk General Hospital ED is under construction, the trauma room will not be changing at this time. Also there has been an increase in helicopters transporting to Norfolk General, so please increase communication with impending flights.</p> <p>Pegasus; Scott Kinkle has been named the new director. Mr. Kinkle comes from the west coast, is a CAAMTS site reviewer and credentials were listed. Negotiating the expansion of the UVA helipad.</p> <p>PHI Air Medical Group Virginia; The Winchester base is expecting delivery of a new EC 135 with NVG. All six bases will be undergoing a voluntary mini CAAMTS survey in April. The two upper helipads at Fairfax hospital are closed due to a fire suppression system activation.</p> <p>US Park Police; have been very busy with multiple events. Now have an associate medical director for the use of paralytics.</p> <p>Virginia Beach Police; awaiting a 407 from the factory and anticipating a December delivery. Currently writing EMS S.O.P.'s.</p> <p>Duke University; a new heated, dual helipad is open, but use caution there are cranes in the area.</p>	
New Business:	The question of whether a time will be scheduled to review the draft was posed. The draft Medevac regulations are now part of the complete revision of the EMS regulations, which in addition to a focus on Medevac also included significant review of both the training and Rescue Squad Assistance Fund regulations. The full revised regulations will be submitted to the Board of Health and placed on the Virginia Town Hall web site, with an invitation for public comment.	
Old Business	The question was posed about the status of the "Medevac Authority". OEMS stated the concept has not been abandoned, but it will not move forward during this legislative session.	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.	